

Southern Living IDEA HOUSE 2008 - DAVIDSON GAP

WHISPER MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Allison Ramsey Architects' philosophy of timeless, traditional architecture was paramount to this project as we always strive to create region-appropriate designs. This philosophy lends itself more readily to adaptive reuse- by never being dated the design is ageless and maintains its value.

Situated in Madison County, North Carolina, the home is designed in the style of a traditional Madison County farm house, while the interior is best described as a warm, mountain, modern style. Set on an ample lot, bordered by two streams and camouflaged by open fields it only seemed fitting that design would encapsulate nature's best.

From the long views of valley from the kitchen/dining/living areas to the spectacular view from the master suite. Split floor sleeping quarters make for easy access to older occupants and an open space beneath the stairs provide for the addition of a future elevator. Still the choicest place of all may be the circular rear porch equipped with fire pit. What better spot to enjoy the soft sounds of the mountain while warming by the fire on a cool night.



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